This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Original) A method of proportionally reducing the size and area of the operating system's active "desktop" display with all functions operational, while maintaining a complete view of the desktop (display intact) including the functional controls that provide access to resident applications and documents, then deploying a secondary graphical user interface (GUI) known as a "Persistent Portal" (PP) having two dimensions, each dimension having a number of pixels, into the resulting blanked area, comprising:

      a.   adjusting parameters for the desktop display area residing inside of, but not including the overscan border, by a number of pixels that equals the required area to be occupied by the PP interface when deployed.

      b.   addressing the settings of the video mode or monitor resolution for said required pixels within said computer system;

2 - 42. (Canceled)

43.   (New) A computer-executable program stored in a tangible, computer-readable medium for interacting with a display area inside of, but not including, an overscan border, the program comprising:

>   executable instructions for dividing the display area into a persistent portal interface area and a proportionally reduced display area without interacting with or altering the overscan border area;
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>   executable instructions for displaying the persistent portal interface in the persistent portal interface area; and
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>   executable instructions providing for proportional reduction of the display area into the proportionally reduced display area.

44.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the executable instructions for dividing the display area address the operating system's settings of the video mode.

45.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the display area inside of, but not including, an overscan border comprises an area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface and an area left by the operating system unoccupied by the operating system's graphical user interface.

46.   (New) The program of claim 44 wherein the area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface is the area displaying the Windows Start Bar.

47.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the display area inside of, but not including, an overscan border comprises an area left by the operating system unoccupied by the operating system's graphical user interface but does not include an area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface.

48.   (New) The program of claim 47 wherein the area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface is the area displaying the Windows Start Bar.

49.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the executable instructions for displaying the persistent portal interface in the persistent portal interface area display all related proprietary controls, functions, and features visible and operational.

50.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the proportionally reduced display area is reduced both vertically and horizontally.

51.   (New) The program of claim 43 further comprising executable instructions for providing a movable pointer that functions within the display area for the purpose of user input causing interaction and command response from the program.

52.   (New) The program of claim 43 further comprising executable instructions for writing an image of the persistent portal interface area to video display memory.

53.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area is disposed along at least two adjoined sides of the display area.

54.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area is disposed along at least three adjoined sides of the display area.

55.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area is disposed along at least four adjoined sides of the display area.

56.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area includes at least two zones

57.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area has one or more zones, each zone having one or more modules of features and/or functions.

58.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the user interface has at least two of the following modules: Sub-Channel Modules, Sponsor or 3rd Party Icon/Access Modules, Custom Application Modules (Client Customization), Network Preferences and Updates Module, Publisher Preferences Module, Personal Tools Applications Module(s), Application Service Provider (ASP) Products Download Module, and Entertainment Module (games, music, video and pay-per view events).

59.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein the user interface has at least three of the following modules: Sub-Channel Modules, Sponsor or 3rd Party Icon/Access Modules, Custom Application Modules (Client Customization), Network Preferences and Updates Module, Publisher Preferences Module, Personal Tools Applications Module(s), Application Service Provider (ASP) Products Download Module, and Entertainment Module (games, music, video and pay-per view events).

60.   (New) The program of claim 43 wherein one or more modules receives and interacts with content received over a data network.

61.   (New) The program of claim 47 wherein the area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface is disposed between the persistent portal interface area and the overscan border.

62.   (New) The program of claim 61 wherein the area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface is the area displaying the Windows Start Bar.

63.   (New) A device for interacting with a display area inside of, but not including, an overscan border, the device comprising:

>   means for dividing the display area into a persistent portal interface area and a proportionally reduced display area without interacting with or altering the operating system's overscan border area;
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>   means for displaying the persistent portal interface in the persistent portal interface area; and
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>   means for proportional reduction of display area into the proportionally reduced display area.